

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Oct 1951	2. LOCATION UNHOLY ISLAND McChord AFB, Washington	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1101 PST GMT 16/1901Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Location of theodolite: Lat 48 deg - 20' - 44" North. Longitude 122 deg - 40' - 02" West. Object was round or spherical and a little smaller than the size of a dime. Color was medium gray. Pilots flew directly at the object for a period of 50 minutes. The planet Venus is visible in this area during this period.		11. COMMENTS Object in position of Venus. Photos of object did not develop to properly reflect a distinct object. Sighting attributed to Venus.

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HEADQUARTERS
25TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

OI 319.1

22 OCT 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is submitted in
compliance with Air Defense Command Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. AF Form 112, Part I (dup)
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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON NW ADIZ	FROM (Agency) 25TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)	
DATE OF REPORT 18 October 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 October 1951	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) ROBERT B. RODAL, CAPTAIN, USAF	SOURCE AIR DEFENSE CONTROL CENTER	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ADC LETTER 200-1		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
<p>AN OBJECT WAS SIGHTED IN THE SKY BY THE NAVY AIR STATION ON WHIDBEY ISLAND, WASHINGTON AT 1101 PST 16 OCT. 1951. THREE F-94 AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE ON A LOCAL MISSION WERE SENT TO INVESTIGATE. THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SIGHTED THE OBJECT AND FLEW TOWARD IT FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTY MINUTES. THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THEM AND DID NOT CHANGE IN SIZE AS THEY FLEW WEST.</p> <p>A NAVIGATOR FROM THE 62ND TROOP CARRIER GROUP CALCULATED THE POSITION OF VENUS FROM THE FIGHTERS POSITION AT THAT TIME AND DATE. THE POSITION OF THE OBJECT WAS WITHIN FIVE DEGREES OF WHERE VENUS WAS CALCULATED TO BE.</p> <p>THE REPORTING OFFICER'S OPINION IS THAT THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS THE PLANET VENUS.</p>		
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- A. THE SHAPE OF THE SIGHTED OBJECT WAS ROUND OR SPHERICAL, AND A LITTLE SMALLER THAN THE SIZE OF A DIME. THE COLOR WAS A MEDIUM GRAY AND THERE WAS BUT ONE OBJECT. THERE WERE NO OTHER DESCRIPTIVE FEATURES. THE OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR. THE FIGHTER PILOTS HAD IT IN VIEW FOR A PERIOD OF 50 MINUTES.
- B. ORIGINAL SIGHTING WAS BY NAVAL AIR STATION AT 1101 PACIFIC STANDARD TIME. LAST SIGHTING WAS AT 1317 WHEN THE PILOTS ABANDONED CHASE TO RETURN TO BASE.
- C. ORIGINAL SIGHTING FROM GROUND WAS VISUAL. THE FIGHTER PILOTS FLYING F-94's SIGHTED THE OBJECT AND THEIR ELEVATIONS VARIED FROM 31,000 TO 46,000 FT. SPEED WAS 150 KNOTS. THE ORIGINAL PICK UP BY NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND WAS MADE WITH A THEODOLITE.
- D. THE FIGHTERS FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT $47^{\circ}N45'$ $123^{\circ}W30'$. FLEW WEST OVER OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS AND THEN OVER PACIFIC OCEAN TO $126^{\circ}W59'$ $46N38"$ WHERE THEY BROKE OFF AND RETURNED TO BASE. THE OBJECT WAS ALWAYS WEST OF THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND WAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. AT 1245 PST ONE PILOT WAS ON A HEADING OF 216° MAGNETIC-FLYING AT 31,000 FT. (GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION OF AIRCRAFT WAS 15 MILES S.E. OF ELMA WASHINGTON), OBJECT WAS ABOVE HIM, BUT NO ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE WAS POSSIBLE.
- E. OBSERVERS WERE FOUR FIGHTER PILOTS. A MAJOR, TWO CAPTAINS AND A 1st LT.
- F. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND THE WINDS AT 40,000 FT. DURING THIS PERIOD WERE FROM 310° 60 KNOTS.
- G. THE PLANET VENUS IS VISIBLE IN THIS AREA DURING THIS PERIOD.
- H. PICTURES TAKEN FROM THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SHOW THE OBJECT.
- I. THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED THE OBJECT IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION, BUT OBJECT SEEMED TO REMAIN IN THE SAME POSITION AND THE SAME DISTANCE AWAY.
- J. THE THREE F-94's WERE AIRBORNE AT TIME SIGHTING WAS REPORTED AND THEY WERE SENT IN DIRECTION OF THE FLYING OBJECT. THEY FLEW ABOUT 100 MILES OFF THE COAST AND THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THAT VICINITY.

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: HQ, 25th Air Division (Defense)
McChord AFB, Tacoma, Washington
R A M U T EINFO: D/I, HQ USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
R A M U T E

DATE-TIME GROUP 271700Z Oct 51		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION Routine	INFORMATION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS		CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
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Reference AF Form 111, subject: "Unidentified Flying Object", dated 16 October 1951. Request that Thodolite readings be obtained and matched with position of Venus as a double check. Please forward prints of photographs referred to in paragraph II.

In reply cite ATIAA-Grudge.

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MAJ GEN L. W. WILSON, USAF,
Air Adjutant General

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25TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

OI 319.1

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Object

17 NOV 1951

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: LCIS

1. Reference report submitted by this headquarters dated 22 October 1951, subject and file as above and TAK your headquarters, AT 8790 292345Z October 1951 (ATIAA-GRUDGE), requesting additional information.
2. Photographs mentioned in original report did not develop to properly reflect a distinct object and consequently are of no value.
3. Complete report of "theodolite" readings obtained by U.S. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, are attached as Incl. #1.

1 Incl
Theodolite Reading Rpt
(dup)

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AIR ADMIRAL GENERAL

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
WHIDBEY ISLAND, WASHINGTON
ACTIVITY NO. 1452 952

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17 NOV 1951

SECURITY INFORMATION

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash.
To: Commanding Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense)

Subj: Sightings of celestial body; record of

Ref: (a) 25th Air Div (Defense) conf disp 062350 of Nov 1951
(b) Fonecon of 6 Nov 1951 between OperOffcr, U.S. Whidbey Island
and Duty Officer, 25th Air Div(Defense)

1. As requested by reference (a), the following information is furnished concerning the sighting of an object, believed to be the planet Venus, which was tracked by theodolite at this station on 16 October, 1951:

a. Theodolite readings (subject to 1° error, plus or minus, in both elevation and azimuth).

Time of sighting (GCT)	Elevation (Degrees)	Azimuth (Degrees)	Time of sighting (GCT)	Elevation (Degrees)	Azimuth (Degrees)
19-24-05	39.0	223.4	20-14-05	32.9	236.2
19-29-05	38.6	224.4	20-19-05	32.2	237.4
19-34-05	38.0	225.8	20-24-05	31.4	238.6
19-39-05	37.4	227.1	20-29-05	30.8	239.7
19-44-05	36.8	228.5	20-34-05	30.0	240.9
19-49-05	36.2	229.9	20-39-05	29.3	242.1
19-54-05	35.6	231.0	20-44-05	28.5	243.2
19-59-05	34.9	232.4	20-49-05	27.8	244.4
20-04-05	34.2	233.7	20-54-05	27.0	245.5
20-09-05	33.6	234.9			

b. Location of theodolite: Latitude $48^{\circ}20'44''$ North
Longitude $122^{\circ}40'02''$ West

2. Reference (b) authorized transmission of the foregoing information by letter, vice TMX as originally requested in reference (a).

W. O. GALEY

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S. R. BROWN, Jr.
By direction

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 16 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 1101

LOCATION: McChord AFB, Wash.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 50 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Great

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 270°

SOURCE: AF and Navy personnel

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Proved to be Venus

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Medium gray, round object. First sighted by theodolite crew. Intercept by four F-94's was unsuccessful.